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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Louis Zingarelli

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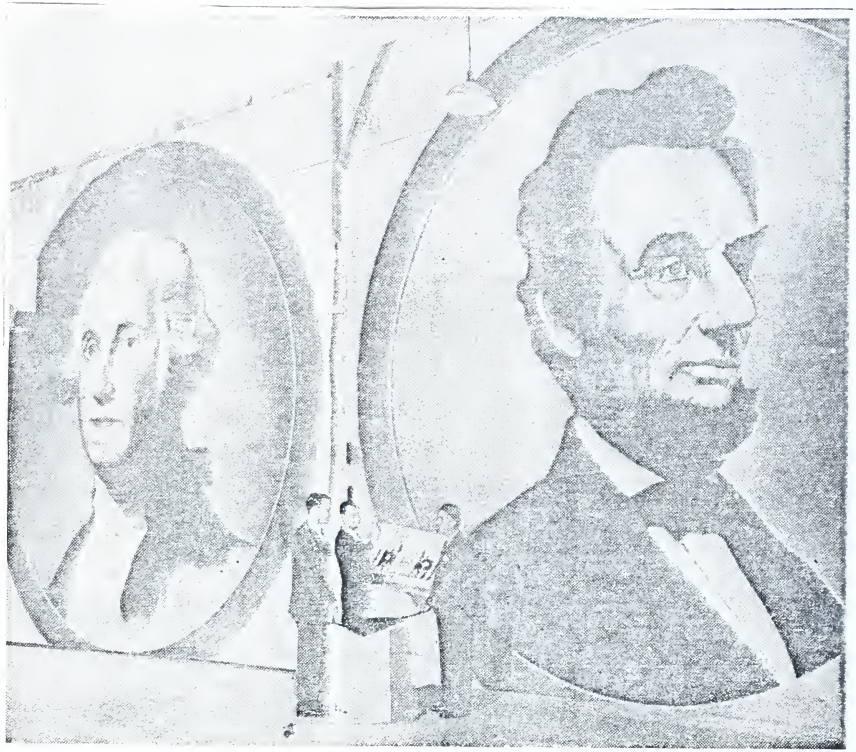
Artist Rushes Special Curtain For Auto Show

Louis Zingarelli, 40, of 5741 N. Artesian painted the largest picture ever made of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington for the 42d annual Chicago Auto Show.

Zingarelli's speed as an artist is evidenced by the fact that he completed each of the 24-foot high paintings entirely by hand in three days. He has been painting 22 years.

The huge Washington and Lincoln pictures feature the curtain of "Wheels of Freedom" the show's stage spectacle. The heads of the pictures are 18 feet high and a further idea of the great proportions is indicated by the fact that each eye is three feet wide

The painter is the father of three children. His wife died about a year ago.



Curtain for "Wheels of Freedom" stage show is believed to show the largest paintings ever made of Washington and Lincoln. Beside the immense drop are Edward L. Cleary, right, show manager; E. J. Becker, left, of Becker Bros. studio, and Norman W. Praw, center, assistant to Cleary.

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